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SUBJECT: MEDICAL REQUEST FOR HOSPITALIZATION FOR DR. CESAR VALDIVIESO

REF: A-9211 DEC 17, 1974

1. AMBASSADOR HAS BEEN ASKED PERSONALLY AND IN WRITING BY GENERAL MANTILLA, DIRECTOR OF THE PRESTIGIOUS INSTITUTO DE ALTOS ESTUDIOS FOR HOSPITALIZATION IN BETHESDA FOR DR. CESAR VALDIVIESO CHIRIBOGA. AMBASSADOR HAS ALSO RECEIVED LETTER ON VALDIVIESO'S BEHALF FROM ADMIRAL POVEDA, THE MINISTER OF GOVERNMENT AND EFFECTIVELY THE NUMBER TWO MAN IN THE GOE. VALDIVIESO'S BROTHER, AMBASSADOR ERNESTO VALDIVIESO CHIRIBOGA IS DIRECTOR GENERAL OF POLITICAL AFFAIRS AT THE FOREIGN OFFICE, A SENIOR GOE OFFICIAL AND ONE OF OUR MOST USEFUL PRIMARY CONTACTS. AMBASSADOR VALDIVIESO CALLED ON AMBASSADOR DECEMBER 24 TO SUPPORT REQUEST ON BEHALF OF HIS BROTHER. CESAR VALDIVIESO IS CURRENTLY MINISTER COUNSELOR AT THE ECUADOREAN EMBASSY IN LIMA, ONE OF ECUADOR'S MOST IMPORTANT DIPLOMATIC MISSIONS.

2. VALDIVIESO WAS IN AN ACCIDENT ABOUT A YEAR AGO AS A CONSEQUENCE OF WHICH HIS FEMUR BONE WAS FRACTURED. HE WAS IMMEDIATELY OPERATED ON BY A SPECIALIST AT "CARLOS ANDRADE MARIN" HOSPITAL IN QUITO BUT THE REHABILITATION PROCESS APPARENTLY DID NOT PRODUCE

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THE DESIRED RESULTS. WHILE IN LIMA, AS MINISTER AT

THE ECUADOREAN EMBASSY, HE WAS SUBJECTED TO MINUTE RADIOLOGICAL STUDIES WHICH FOUND THAT THE PIN WHICH HAD BEEN PLACED IN THE FEMUR HAD EXPERIENCED A CONSIDERABLE DEVIATION, PRODUCING A DANGEROUS BEND IN THE HEAD OF THE BONE WHICH PREVENTS HIM FROM WALKING WITHOUT THE AID OF CRUTCHES. BOTH THE PERUVIAN AND ECUADOREAN SPECIALISTS WHO HAVE TREATED VALDIVIESO, DR. TEMPLE AND BONILLA, AGREE THAT DR. VALDIVIESO NEEDS A NEW OPERATION TO REMOVE THE PIN AND INJECT A BONE CEMENT IN ORDER TO REPAIR THE FEMUR.

3. THE OPERATION DESCRIBED IS NOT PERFORMED (FOR LACK OF EQUIPMENT AND EXPERIENCE) IN THIS COUNTRY OR LIMA. VALDIVIESO'S DOCTORS RECOMMEND THAT HE GO TO BETHESDA OR WALTER REED FOR THE OPERATION.

4. DURING CALL ON AMBASSADOR BY BROTHER OF PROSPECTIVE PATIENT, AMBASSADOR EXPLAINED THE DIFFICULTIES IN ENTERING EITHER WALTER REED OR BETHESDA ALONG THE LINES OF REPAIR. NEVERTHELESS, IN VIEW OF VALDIVIESO'S POSITION, THAT OF HIS FAMILY AND THAT OF HIS "SPONSORS", EMBASSY WOULD LIKE VERY MUCH TO TRY TO HELP WITH MEDICAL TREATMENT ON THE EXPLICIT CONDITION THAT VALDIVIESO POSSIBLY WITH GOE ASSISTANCE WILL PAY ALL COSTS. THIS HAS BEEN DISCUSSED WITH AND AGREED UPON BY AMBASSADOR ERNESTO VALDIVIESO. THE POSSIBILITY OF RECEIVING TREATMENT AT A REGIONAL MILITARY FACILITY OR A PRIVATE FACILITY WAS DISCUSSED WITH AMBASSADOR VALDIVIESO WHO REPEATED HIS REQUEST THAT HIS BROTHER BE ADMITTED TO BETHESDA ON THE ADVISE OF HIS DOCTORS. WE BELIEVE THIS REQUEST MEETS THE CRITERIA OF REPAIR.

5. PLEASE ADVISE.

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